the land is reported to be saline and it is very doubtful whether it will be productive and whether it will pay them, in which case it would be useless for Government to impose high rates."

Mr. K. V. R. Swami :—"May I know whether if the income is not more than 3 per cent the Government would not take it up?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—"No, Sir, that is not the point."

Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu :—"May I know whether the Government have any fixed standard of income in view before they take up any work?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—"Yes, Sir; the work must pay 6 per cent in ten years of the completion of the work. That is a well known rule."

Mr. K. V. R. Swami :—"May I know what the rule is with regard to Mettur?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—"That is the rule, Sir."

Cost and utility of the Pottanur project in East Godavari.

*1011 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the consideration of the Pottanur project in East Godavari has been completed;

(b) what the project is likely to cost; and

(c) what purpose it is expected to serve?

A.—(a) & (b) An estimate amounting to Rs. 40,000 has been sanctioned and an allotment of Rs. 20,000 has been made for the work in the current year's budget. The work is in progress.

(c) The scheme is for the extension of irrigation under the Ellore canal in the Godavari western delta. It provides for the irrigation of 1,922 acres of dry lands and an extent of 574 acres of settlement wet and bapat wet lands under two existing tanks which are at present fed by channels from the Ellore canal but will be abandoned after the execution of the scheme under reference.

Mr. D. Narayana Raju :—"May I know, out of this year's allotment of Rs. 20,000, what amount has been spent up to date?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—"Notice, Sir."

Land Revenue

Lands resumed on account of the assignees' failure to pay the assessment.

*1012 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty : With reference to the answer to question No. 527, answered on 11th October 1928, will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to lay on the table of the House the report he has received from South Kanara regarding the lands resumed year after year on account of the assignees' failure to pay the assessment?

A.—The report [a] received from the Collector of South Kanara is laid on the table.

[a] Circulated separately.